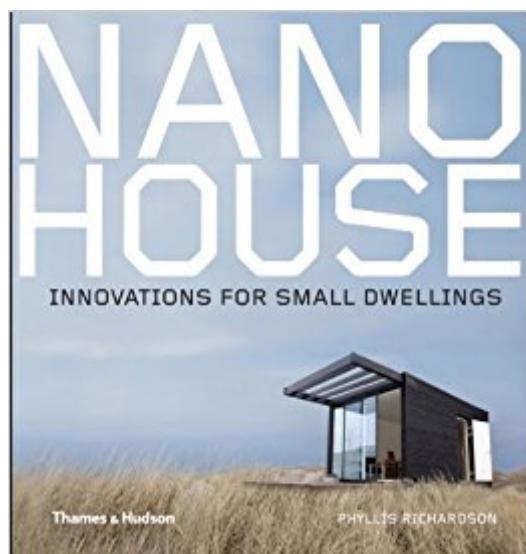


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# Nano House: Innovations For Small Dwellings



## Synopsis

Forty examples of advanced, ingenious, and responsible homes—each with fewer than 650 square feet of living space. Space is at a premium in growing cities. In the countryside, we want to preserve nature and the landscape. In impoverished parts of the world, the necessity for sustainable and economical shelter is stronger than ever. Lifestyles and daily routines are also changing. We live in an interconnected world in which digital communication, information, and entertainment are pervasive. Yet basic human needs remain constant: a roof over our heads and somewhere to cook, eat, and sleep. Increasingly, we look for ways to occupy our habitats more ecologically, flexibly, and efficiently. Digital design tools, sustainable materials, and new prefabrication technologies have led to an explosion in innovative ideas for designing domestic spaces, particularly those in tight surroundings. All the homes in Nano House are drawn from a broad array of climatic and environmental contexts, building methods, and spatial innovations. This lively book is the perfect resource and inspiration for designers, architects, builders—for anyone looking to maximize living space with minimal environmental impact. 250 full-color and 50 black-and-white illustrations

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“Provides a fine survey for architects, designers, and homeowners alike.” - The Midwest Book Review  
“Small is sexier.” - Details

Phyllis Richardson is an architecture and design writer who has published numerous books, including *Real Homes* and *Nano House*.

as a book with lots of photos inside and out of each house with enough info on how they were made and all, i really liked it a lot. though several ideas or designs were pretty weird concepts to imagine people living in them, like one that had a ladder on this A frame style roof and people climbed in a 2nd story window instead of just walking in a door, the house was already floating on water and that's how you want people to access it? or the homes that were big enough inside to sleep or sit somewhere and literally nothing else, most were modern houses that made me look more into prefab concrete homes with huge windows or some parts made with wood. stuff like that. if you're into architecture, home design or tiny or minimum houses definitely check it out.

Not as useless as "tiny house floor plans" book, but lots of photos and really tiny floor plans and really tiny pictures. The layout of this book kills the value. Very poorly executed. There are better ones.

Like small house ideas - as typical in these books, few are practical for the USA unless you are rich OR a talented carpenter.

I bought this book for my father as a Christmas gift. He's an amateur architect and loves the nano house movement. The pictures and articles in the book are fantastic and definitely give great ideas on how to live in a small space. However, the book itself is small but thick, and the size of the pictures is a little underwhelming. I was expecting a 12"x12" or bigger coffee table book, but the actual dimensions are about 8x8" which doesn't lend itself to big photos. The thickness of the book makes it hard to lie down on the table, and keeping it open without breaking the spine is a struggle. Pros: Love the houses. Articles are full of good insight. Cons: The format is too small.

As a fan of design and architecture I think this book does a superb job of demonstrating a beautiful marriage between land and structure and how attuned architects are creating ultra-efficient structures designed to conserve the environment and enhance the lives of their inhabitance. Part of my fascination with the book is my curiosity of how the architects profiled in the book through their homes do a fantastic job of making tiny spaces appear and function as a space much larger than one would believe based on the square footage footprint alone. All in all, this book has beautiful detailed photos and well thought out text profiling each of the homes from the conception to realization.

The first half of the book is just bad. I didn't like reading it at all - large parts of the text are just waffling. On the other hand the second half of the book is far more interesting, because of the examples shown.

I didn't find the plans in this book that great. After going through the book, I looked up nano houses in google images and found way more information doing that. From now I'll will use google images before wasting my money on a book.

Great little book, full of great ideas.

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